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Māori party co-leader ejected from New Zealand parliament after performing haka – video

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An Indigenous New Zealand lawmaker was thrown out of parliament for performing a Māori haka in protest against what he said were racist arguments.

Rawiri Waititi told lawmakers in the chamber that he was forced to listen to a 'constant barrage of insults' directed towards Indigenous people. The speaker, Trevor Mallard, told Waititi to sit down, but instead he performed the haka, a traditional dance or challenge accompanied by a chant.

'Order. The member will now leave the chamber,' Mallard told Waititi, which he did along with his co-leader, Debbie Ngarewa-Packer

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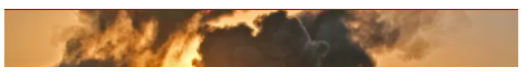

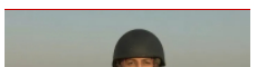

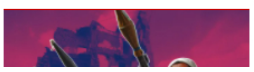

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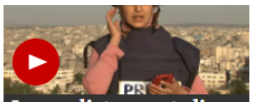

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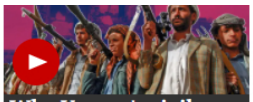

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